

Puget Amateur Radio Society

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NEXT MEETING:

7:30 pm Thursday

Nov.20,1997

Puget Auditorium

PROGRAM NOTES

November 20--New FCC safety regulations and other ARRL information, presented by Greg Milnes W7ACQ of Portland, OR, who is the Vice-Director of Northwest Region of ARRL.

December 19--Annual Christmas party, to be held this year at the home of Tom Grotte WB7TEJ.

January 15--Rick Felt (or perhaps a substitute) from Icom America on component miniaturization.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Jan. G, 1998 at 7:00pm at the home of Al Staples N7VOF

THE PREZ SEZ I can't believe it's almost Turkey Day (or bird day as my mother-in-law calls it)! Egads! There's only 40 more shopping days until Christmas--I didn't really need to know that.

I'm really encouraged with the revitalization of tine club. I asked for a volunteer for the trailer committee and to and behold, someone volunteered! Kirk Bellar KE7TN works just a short distance from the trailer and has already been over and presented the Board with a list of what needs to be done.

Cameron Etezadi KFORY, an avid Dyer and new member has volunteered to be involved in setting up our NAM station at the trailer. We now have an Icom IC-746 HF rig and a new Yaesu 2 meter rig which have been donated. Cameron is compiling a wish list for the Board.

We are getting publicity sent in to three newspapers every month and hopefully they will print our meeting date in their community calendars. If you see the notice please cut it out and give it to Jim Darby W7FYH, our publicity chairman.

The silent auction of the donated Icom headsets and switches garnered 3 successful bids from members at the last meeting and will increase our bank balance by almost \$100.

Please remember to gather your donations for our table at the Mike & Key flea market coming up in the spring. Chuck Graff K7CFV and Tom Grotte WB7TEJ are in charge of this event and need to receive your lists of items to be donated.

Mark your calendars for FRIDAY, December 19 for the Christmas party to be held at the Grotte residence in Bellevue. This is always a fun time.

Anyone is welcome to join us at Coco's on 112th in Bellevue for dinner prior to the meeting. We usually gather around 6:00pm and have an hour to eat and visit, Greg Milnes, our guest speaker will be there this month. I'm always there and would love to see you.

73 de Lorie N7LC0

Kirk Bellar KE7TN would like to remind those who have not mailed him the survey forms regarding a club vanity call sign to bring them to the meeting so that he can have as wide a data base as possible when making the application to the FCC

Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black W7HIL 391-8026 or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH 392-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

MINUTES
of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING
Oct. 16, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Lorie Graff N7LC0 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lester Ellis KC7TQP. There were 12 members present, and 4 guests. Members and guests introduced themselves.

The program was presented by Patrick Dayshaw WA7VNI, a member of the Western Washington DX Club. He gave a very instructive talk on the basics of HF propagation, and how solar activity affects the various ionosphere layers, which in turn affects HF propagation.

Following the program, Lorie announced that the bid forms for the IC-H10 headsets and matching switch boxes were available for those who were interested. Refreshments were then served.

The meeting was then re-convened for the business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Sept. 18 meeting, as published in SPARKS, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was then given. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report, motion carried. The Treasurer requested that the club approve a policy of not publishing the complete report in SPARKS, and the suggestion was made to delete it altogether from the newsletter. The complete Treasurer's Report is available on request to any member of the club any time.

Pres. Lorie then introduced the proposed 1998 budget, as proposed by the Board and enclosed in the last issue of SPARKS. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as proposed, motion carried. Treasurer Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH requested permission to change a budget category from Corporate Fee to Fees and Licenses, to simplify the record on the computer. No objections were raised.

Pres. Lorie then stated that the Board had previously voted to recommend to the membership that the meeting site be changed to the Blakemore Building in Bellevue, starting January 1998, due to the fact that the current site was for sale and might not be available next year. Since the Board action, we have

received information that that room will only accommodate 25 persons, and thus might not be suitable in the long term. Lorie recommended that for the present we continue in our present location and hope the building does not sell soon. It was suggested by Charles Beckmeier KC7GMF that we could investigate the possibility of a meeting site in a Bellevue Fire Dept. station, since they often have meeting rooms. This will be pursued by the Board.

Jim Von Seggern has asked to be relieved from the duties of Trailer Committee chairman. Lorie will be asking for a volunteer to take over that function, and Jim stated that there is a need not only for someone to periodically inspect the trailer, but we need to have several names posted for notification in case of emergency. Jim will consult with the new chairman regarding how to inspect the rebuilt front end for dry rot.

Lorie announce that the club will receive a donation of an HF transceiver in the next 2-3 months from an anonymous donor, which will be used to establish an operating station in the trailer. Cameron Etezadi KFORY has indicated interest in being responsible for making the trailer available on weekends for those who might wish to use the radio.

Kirk Bellar KE7TN suggested that the club attempt to acquire a club call sign, to provide a recognizable call on Field Day and to provide a constant call in spite of changes in membership. Kirk said that at present K7PAR is available, and W7PAR will be available early next year. Ye can request up to 25 potential call signs, one of which may be assigned by the FCC. It also involves a \$50 fee every 10 years. A motion was made and seconded that the Board pursue this, motion carried. Kirk will collect the appropriate materials.

Jim Darby W7FYTI requested that members look in the Seattle and Eastside papers for the notices of the coming club meetings, which he is now sending to the P-I, Times, Eastside Journal and Eastside Week.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Von Seggern KC7FE1T

PARS Secretary

The Board of Directors met Nov. 6, 1997 at 7:00pm. Items considered were:

1. The club has applied for a club license, Herschel Whiting WS7K acting as station Trustee, and if the members so desire, application will be made for a vanity call sign.
2. Kirk Bellar KE7TN has assumed responsibility for the trailer, and list of items to be addressed was presented.
3. Jim Von Seggern stated that dues reminders will be coming out with the December SPARKS.
4. Three successful bids were received for the silent auction at the Oct. general meeting.
5. There was some discussion about how to increase members' knowledge of one another.
6. The December Board meeting is cancelled, barring some new event arising.

Board members present: Pres. Lorie Graff N7LC0 V-Pres. Bob Adams KJ7BP

cast Pres. and Chairman Al Staples N7VOF

Sec-Treas. Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH

Also present was Kirk Bellar KE7TN

Respectfully submitted, Jim Von Seggern Secretary PARS

November birthdays

Tel Carlson W7KDZ

Jim Von Seggern

KC7FEH

Joyce Stroehrer N7JPW

Continuing our profiles of the Board members, this month we present the Vice-President Bob Adams KJ7BP and the Secretary-Treasurer Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH

Bob Adams KJ7BP Vice-President

Bob spent 40 years at Boeing as a flight data test engineer, and retired in 1992. After retirement he finally had time to work on his code which led to his amateur license shortly after retirement, and he currently holds an Advanced license. He has been Vice-President of PARS for the past 2 years, and is also active in the BEARS club, and Eastside Amateur Radio Support group (EARS). Bob and his wife Marge are also members of the Boeing Computer Society. He also still does some sailing, and is a licensed private pilot. He occasionally does consultant work for Boeing. (interview by Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH).

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH Sec-Treasurer

Jim and his wife Arzetta have lived in Bellevue 28 years. Jim is a recently retired Group Health physician. He first became interested in ham radio in high school, but not being a technically oriented person he found it difficult to learn from the ARRL handbook. Medical school, internship, and residency took up several years of his life. In 1994, he saw an article in Motor Home magazine about getting a No-Code Tech license, and with renewed interest he got the study guide and finally decided to try the code (which he passed!) He currently holds a General class license.

In addition to radio, Jim is involved in glass fusion and slumping, a hobby he shares with Arzetta. He also plays tuba and classical organ (a little). He has been an active PARS member and has worn several hats over the past few years as secretary, secretary-treasurer, newsletter editor, chairman of the trailer committee, and chairman of the Board. (interview by Lorie Graff N7LC0)

I think that about wraps it up for this time. I would like to publicly take note of the rather substantial time and effort put forth by Kirk Bellar KE7TN in going over the trailer. I have to admit that he has put a lot more into it than I did. Thanks Kirk, from all of us.

Hopefully, we'll see you all at the meeting on Nov. 20, should be a good program. Maybe we'll see some of you at the dinner get-together at Coco's on 112th before the meeting.

73 de Jim KC7FEIi

HI:

We haven't seen you for awhile and I wanted you to know that PARS is still very much alive and still meeting on the third Thursday of each month at the Puget Sound Energy Auditorium in Bellevue at 7:30 PM.

We've got some great programs planned for the coming months - for November Greg Milnes, the Vice-Director of the Northwest Region of the ARRL will be coming up from Hillsboro, Oregon to talk to us about the new FCC safety regulations regarding RF exposure. You're welcome to join us for this informative program.

December 19 is the date for our Christmas party at the home of Tom and Gail Grotte in Bellevue - a good time to visit with old friends and on January 15th. ICOM will present a program on the miniaturization of some of their radios and bring some of their newest models for us to look at.

Stop in and see us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorie".

Lorie Graff, N7LC0
President